



A Weekly Update from The United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands



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Constitution Corner

This month's edition of Constitution Corner will take a look at Elders – who they are, how they are elected and their term of office.

Who are Elders?

Elders are officers of the congregation who, along with the Minister, form the Congregational Board. The Congregational Board is the local executive body of the congregation. (Basis of Union, paragraph 3(b)(ii))

Who can become an Elder?

Any suitable person from among the members of the congregation may be elected as an Elder. (Chapter 2, Section 2(b) of the Constitution)

How many Elders should a congregation have?

It will depend on each congregation. Each congregation will decide how many Elders it needs, based on the number of members it has and other factors considered relevant. (Chapter 2, Section 2(b) of the Constitution)

How are Elders elected?

The procedure for the election of Elders is outlined in Chapter 1, Section 2 of the By-Laws.

Elders are to be elected at a Congregational Meeting, normally the last meeting of the calendar year. Remember that our last edition of Constitution Corner talked about Congregational Meetings, how they are called and who attends.

Before that Congregational Meeting takes place, the names of the Elders who are to retire will be made known to the congregation and nominations accepted for the vacant seats on the Congregational Board.

The number of positions to be vacant should normally be the number of positions closest to one third of all positions on the Congregational Board.

Section 5 of the By-Laws state that the Congregational Board shall normally appoint a Nomination Committee to recommend to the Congregation a slate of nominees for the positions of Elders to be filled.

However, a person (or persons) may be nominated for election as Elder on the floor of the Congregational Meeting, provided that the person(s) so nominated consent(s) to nomination.

Elections are conducted by secret ballot.

The nominees who receive the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present at the Congregational meeting will be considered duly elected as Elders. If there are more nominees than vacancies, and all nominees receive that two-thirds majority vote, then the vacancies will be filled using the actual number of votes cast for each nominee.

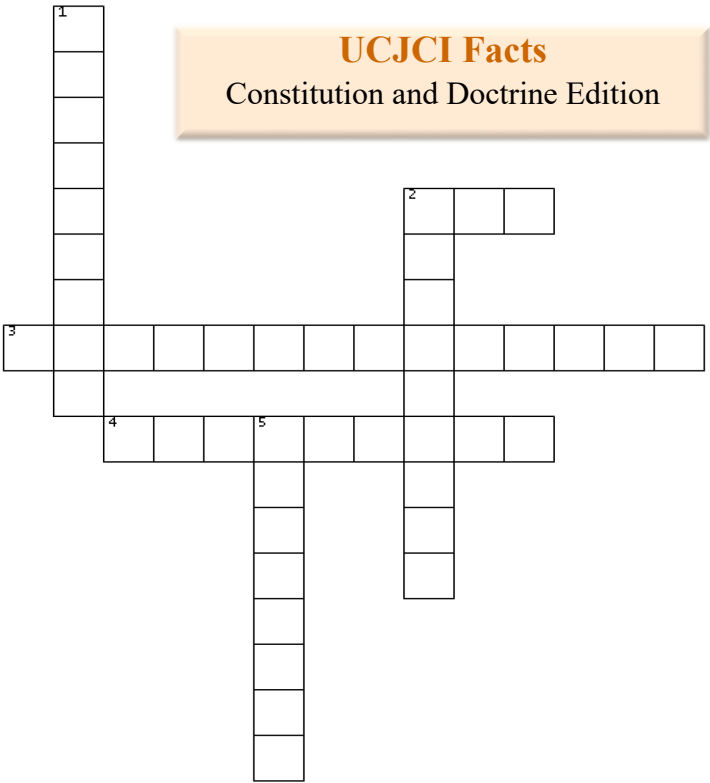
A second round of voting shall be held to affirm remaining nominees if the need for same arises.

If vacancies have not been filled after this exercise, the Minister shall arrange for further nominations and elections to take place at a later date.

How long is the term of an Elder?

The term of an Elder is for three years, at the end of that term, the Elder is eligible for re-election. (Chapter 2, Section 2 of the By-Laws)

UCJCI Facts
Constitution and Doctrine Edition



ACROSS

- 2. How many clear Sundays should notice of a congregational meeting be given?
- 3. What kind of meeting shall be held at least three times a year?
- 4. What should members be in "full" of to attend congregational meetings?

DOWN

- 1. Which office is third in the hierarchy of those who shall preside over a congregational meeting?
- 2. By what majority shall Elders be elected?
- 5. Who shall firstly preside over a congregational meeting?

Here are the answers to last week's crossword puzzle-

<u>Across</u>	<u>Down</u>
2. FOUR	1. MODERATOR
5. MINISTER	3. HAMPDEN
6. THIRTY	4. GARY
7. PURPLE	

Cayman Islands Regional Mission Council

The Apparent Paradox of Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility

Some persons may not readily respond to the initial witness of the gospel, but they become committed later in life. The apparent paradox of God's sovereignty and human responsibility applies to our response to the gospel. This tension cannot be reconciled by our finite minds. This fact, for example, is expressed in the

following cases:

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16).

Jesus also later said to his followers,

44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. (John 6:44)

65 He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them." (John 6:65)

There is no contradiction in God, and we humbly submit to the divine truths revealed in Romans 11:33-36.

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 34 "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" 36 For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever!"

We must evangelize. Let us, therefore, seek opportunities to spread the gospel for the glory of our eternal and omniscient God. Amen



The John Gray Memorial United Church (West Bay) is seeking to fill the position of Youth Minister and invites dynamic, highly motivated and qualified candidates to tender their applications.

For more details (job description and remuneration) please contact jgmcminister@gmail.com

If you are sensing a call to this ministry, we invite you to submit your letter of application, curriculum vitae and a brief statement of your faith journey to jgmcminister@gmail.com

WE NEED YOU!!!





October 22, 2021

Rev. Herbert Augustus Redway Sr



HAITI RELIEF

Since the earthquake, which had its epicenter near Haiti, on Saturday August 14, 2021, has devastated the nation, the country has been experiencing strong tremors. Many persons are still homeless and living under rubbles. Some are hesitant to erect concrete structures as they fear another earthquake at any given time.

At the last count, the death toll was 2,207, with 344 people still missing. The severe physical, economic and social impact on Haiti have been made more challenging as shortly thereafter they experienced the passage of Tropical Storm Grace. All of this follows the recent assassination of their President.



As part of our initial response as a church, we wish to offer financial support to the relief efforts in Haiti, through our established contacts there.

We are aware of the restrictions on attendance in worship in Jamaica and would suggest that, where possible, congregations make a contribution from their own funds.

How to Donate

Cayman Islands:

Send your contributions to your local congregations,

which will then remit the same to the Cayman Regional Office

Jamaica:

Bank: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Ltd

Address: 90-94 Slipe Rd. Kingston 5

Account Name: United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands

Account #: 234297392

Type of account : Savings

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

AFFECTING CONGREGATIONAL LIFE IN JAMAICA AND THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

-From the Office of the General Secretary

Given evidence of a community spread of COVID-19 in the **Cayman Islands**, the **Government** has reintroduced regulations to control the spread of the virus, including but not limited, to protocols for travel and gatherings. Consequently, indoor gatherings are now restricted to 100 persons. The restrictions are in place until November 22, 2021.

The Government of **Jamaica**, on October 26, 2021, announced amendments to an order under the Disaster Risk Management Act (DRMA) to facilitate in-person worship at churches on Sundays. These provisions are for the period October 29 to December 10, 2021.

Please note and be guided by the following:

1. **Church Services – Sundays are no longer designated ‘no movement days,’ with the curfew set at 8 p.m. Services are allowed under the following condition:**
 - **The number of persons allowed in the sanctuary for worship should be determined by the physical distancing requirement of a minimum of six feet between persons, but should not exceed 50 persons.**

The other relevant provisions remain the same as under:

2. **Weddings – the maximum number of persons allowed is 50.**
3. **No physical crusades, conferences or conventions will be permitted.**
4. **Funeral services are allowed with a maximum of 20 persons within the place of worship or facility.**
5. **Burials are allowed for 30 minutes Mondays to Fridays between 9 am and 4 pm with a maximum of 15 persons at the graveside.**
6. **Physical Gatherings are limited to 10 persons.**
7. **Stay at home – persons 60 years and over. Fully vaccinated persons are exempt.**

Please note that the wearing of masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing are still required for public spaces and gatherings.

We invite you to comply with these provisions

PRAYER CORNER

- ◆ Pastor Ormond Williams who lost his mother.
- ◆ Mrs. Karen Francis, whose husband Rev. Dr. Norman Francis has passed on.
- ◆ Rev. Delia Picart-Hibbert whose mother, Mrs. Escelene Picart passed on.
- ◆ Rev Rohan Kong who lost his father.
- ◆ The climbing number of COVID 19 infections in Jamaica.
- ◆ Patients, families and workers in the health sector in Jamaica.
- ◆ Members of staff with relatives affected by COVID 19.
- ◆ The people of Haiti and Afghanistan.
- ◆ Victims, Family Members and the body of

Christ affected by the operations and principles of Pathway International Kingdom Restoration Ministries in St. James.

A prayer

O Lord, our redemption. Be our protection. Direct our minds by your gracious presence. Watch over our paths and guide us with your love through the hidden snares of life. Fix our hearts on you as we go forward, and following in faith, arrive at your goal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AT HOME LITURGY

October 31, 2021

The Call to Evangelism
– Passion and Prayer

Reformation Day

Ruth 1:1-18

Psalm 146

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

and Psalm 119:1-8

Hebrews 9:11-14

Mark 12:28-34; 2

Timothy 1:6-8

Evangelism calls upon us to have a passion for reaching souls burning within, undergirded by a vital connection to God through prayer. The fire of the Holy Spirit ablaze within the hearts and lives of those whose hope is in God, is the fuel for both passion and prayer. This is the acceptable sacrifice of every believer. The secret of Martin Luther's revolutionary life was his commitment to spend time alone with God every day. It was this connection that gave fuel to the fires of reformation and to the call to love God and love one's neighbour.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MON OCT 25 | WED OCT 27 | FRI OCT 29 2021

EDARE
discernment & radical engagement

the commitment
the call
the agonies

RISE to LIFE
doing theology in public places

THREE ENERGIES MEET AT THIS EDARE EVENT

3 SESSIONS/DAY
LONDON/WEST AFRICAN TIME (GMT+1):
SESSION 1 | 12:00PM - 1:30PM
SESSION 2 | 2:30PM - 4:00PM
SESSION 3 | 5:00PM - 6:30PM

- 1 the commitment of CWM to "chant down Babylon" and its shitstems in order to allow all life (not just humans, but creation and the planet) to flourish;
- 2 the call upon church and community agents, biblical critics and theologians, to practice and perform our trades in public places;
- 3 the agonies that current endemics (esp. racism, sexism, covid) bring which require collaborative theological, biblical, and missional responses.

REGISTER NOW!

<https://edare.cwmission.org/register>

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MBA LOGISTICS & PORT MANAGEMENT

APPLY FOR 2021

ACCREDITED & REGISTERED & READY

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The Jamaica Diaspora Behavioral & Mental Health Task Force & the Jamaica Diaspora Worldwide Organizations Taskforce (JDWOT) PRESENTS

Faith & Mental Wellness

Register for sessions at bit.ly/jdtan-faithmh. Zoom login will be sent upon registration

Saturdays Sept 11 - Oct 30 @ 10 AM ET / 9 AM JA Time

Week 1 Saturday, Sept 11, 2021 Intro to Mental Health & Mental Illness Presenters: Henry Lewis & Joshua Smith	Week 2 Saturday, Sept 18, 2021 Engaging & Motivating the Youth Population Presenters: Melanie Baker & Nia Jones	Week 3 Saturday, Sept 25, 2021 Understanding Trauma & Its Effects on Mental Health Presenters: Lauren Capel & Tierra Sydnor-Diggs
BREAK		
Week 4 Saturday, Oct 16, 2021 Coping with the Stress of Congregational Isolation Before & After Quarantine Presenters: Lauren Capel, Nia Jones, Feona Kerr & Henry Lewis Jr.	Week 5 Saturday, Oct 23, 2021 Healthy Grieving While Maintaining Spiritual Faith Presenter: Joshua Smith	Week 6 Saturday, Oct 30, 2021 Selfcare for Leaders: Learning to Put Your Mask on First Presenters: Lauren Capel & Tierra Sydnor-Diggs

PRESENTERS

 Lauren Capel, LCSW Co-founder Keys of Hope Consultants A licensed social worker with over 13 years experience, with experience in trauma informed care. She provides services to children, adults and families and serves in ministry.	 Tierra Sydnor-Diggs LCSW-C, Director Keys of Hope Consultants A speaker and trainer, Tierra has over 19 years of experience as a Restorative Practices Practitioner and certified trainer. Tierra serves in ministry.	 Joshua P. Smith, LPC CEO, J.P. Smith LLC A best-selling author, speaker, entrepreneur and life/ministry coach, Joshua has worked in the mental health field for 12 years and serves in a pastoral capacity.	 Melanie S. Baker M. Sc. Special Education Melanie Baker is a Grant Writer, Curriculum Development Specialist and Special Education Teacher with over 20 years experience working with students, parents, educators and families.	 Henry Jason Lewis Jr. Executive Coach & Author A trained teacher and mental health therapist, Henry has worked in education and serves in a pastoral capacity. He is currently pursuing his PhD in Organizational Psychology.	 Nia Jones Licensed Social Worker & Consultant Podcast co-host, Nia has worked with youth for 15 years. A mental health advocate, she has been recognized for her work with NAMI, Baltimore through the "Always Forward" yearly fundraiser.
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CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE GIVEN FOR ATTENDING AT LEAST FOUR OF THE SIX SESSIONS

The Jamaica Diaspora Taskforce Action Network (JDTAN) is a worldwide network of sectoral-focused Diaspora Taskforces with members across 30+ countries. Taskforces have been operating since 2013 as a collaborative approach to engage and mobilize the Jamaican Diaspora to join forces and support national development. It started with Education followed by Agriculture and has expanded to cover over 15 sectors.

Our behavioral and Mental health Taskforce has coordinated a series focused on increasing mental health awareness for the Faith Community in Jamaica. The series will be presented by individuals who are licensed professionals in varying capacities as is evident by their biographies. The attached flyer outlines the topics that were developed in collaboration with persons living in Jamaica who identified specific present-day issues and concerns in their communities.

The series is designed for multi-denominational pastors, ministry staff and volunteers.



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The United in Faith Programme can now be found online on our Anchor fm platform.

Type <https://rb.gy/bmxwpw> in your search bar to access the episodes.

The link to each episode will also be circulated via WhatsApp every Monday.



St. John's United Church
HARVEST SERVICE
Sunday November 7, 2021
Worship Begins at 10:00AM

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Meadowbrook United Church

Men's Conference

MAN ON A MISSION

Let's Connect Virtually via YouTube
OCT 31 | 10AM
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Meadowbrook United Church invites all men to join us online or in the sanctuary for a conference catered to males. It will feature topics like "Man and God's Money", "Managing Your Relationships" and "The Real Man!".

It promises to be a great time of fellowship and surrender.

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/3Gp5eyK>

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World Council of Churches

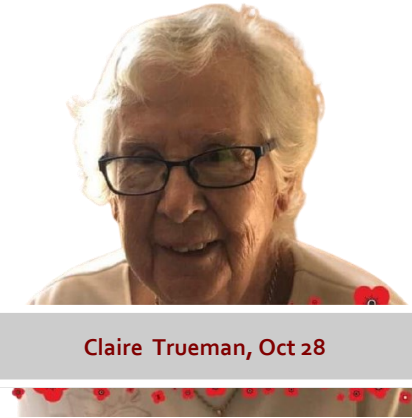
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Happy Birthday



Rev Godfrey Meghoo, Oct 27



Claire Trueman, Oct 28

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